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MULTIPLE AIRPORTS IN LARGE CITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to encourage multi-airports for Indian cities like Bangalore, Delhi etc.;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether any study has been done on air traffic projections in India for the next 15 years; and

(d)if so, the steps taken proposed to be taken by the Government develop at least two airports for all major urban areas in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Considering the phenomenal growth in aviation sector and to ease congestion at the major airports, Government of India have approved a new policy for greenfield airports. Further, to improve connectivity to far flung areas and industrial locations, the Government have also relaxed the procedure for approval of new greenfield airports. In case a greenfield airport is proposed to be set up within 150 Km of an existing civilian airport, the impact on the existing airport would be examined. Such cases would be decided by the Government on a case to case basis. Airports Authority of India has conducted a study on Air Traffic Projection in India for the next 15 years taking into account of latest declining trends in air traffic.